



By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for better furnishing the Nauy,
and Shipping of the Realme, with able and skilfull Mariners.



THE Kings most Excellent Maiesty, considering how much it importeth the honor, safety, and wealth of this Realme, that the nauigation of the same bee carefully continued and maintained, and that there be skilfull Mariners, and Seafaring men at all times in readinesse, to furnish, as well his Maiesties owne Royall Nauy vpon all occasions, as the shipping of his subiects: And vnderstanding, that the Mariners and Seafaring men of this Realme, haue of late yeeres in great numbers, without any licence or sufficient warrant, put themselves into the service of forraigne Princes and States, and of Strangers borne, wherby both his Maiesties Nauy and the Realme in generall, are likely to be depriued of their service, when there shall be any needfull vse thereof, if some timely remedy be not prouided, to meet with so great an inconuenience; And weighing, that it is a principall part of the allegiance and duty of a subiect, to attend the service of his liege Soueraigne and Country: His Maiesty doth therfore straitly inhibit and forbid, that no Mariner or Seafaring man, Ship-wright, or Ship-Carpenter whatsoeuer, being his Maiesties subiect, doe at any time hereafter without expresse licence of his Maiesty, or of the Lord Admirall of England, for the time being, in writing, enter, or attempt, or goe about to enter into the service of any forreine Prince, or State, nor to be employed out of this Realme in any service whatsoeuer, vntil it be in the service of his Maiesty, or of some of his highnesse owne liege Subiects, vpon paine of his Maiesties indignation and displeasure, and the vttermost severity of his Maiesties Lawes, to be extended against them, that contrary to their duty to his Maiesty, and this their native Country, shall so contemptuously withstand this his Royall command, in a matter of such weighty consequence, by withdrawing themselves from that duty and service, which by the Lawes of God and man, they owe to their Soueraigne and Country. And his Maiesty doth likewise command all his Officers, Ministers, and Subiects whatsoeuer, not onely (as much as in them is) to hinder any such, as shall attempt any thing against this his Royall Proclamation; but, from time to time, to make knowne all such offences and offenders, to the Lord Admirall, for the time being, that a speedy course may be taken for the seuerer punishing of them, to the example of others.

Given at the Court at Windsor, the sixth day of August, in the twentieth yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the fixe and fiftieth.

God saue the King.

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